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Price 3 cents

We Must Clean Up. A Chance For You.

Our annual "clean up" Sale of all Summer Goods is now in progress. You know that means cut prices at this store. Our object is to make room and have cash for Fall Stock, and to do this we are willing to turn our balance of Summer Goods over to you at half prices in some cases and big reductions in others.

DON'T DELAY.

Come at once and get the choice!
Beautiful Summer Wash Silks, sold at 50 cents, now 30c.
Sheer Fine Imported Organdies, sold at 37 1/2 cents, now 12 1/2c.
Lovely Fine Lawns, in the season's new designs, sold at 12 1/2c., now at 9c.
Best quality Percales, yard wide, fast colors, sold at 12 1/2c., now 9c.
A lot of Fine Printed Cambrics, almost a yard wide, sold at 10c., now 7 1/2c.
A small lot of 12 1/2c. Woven Madras to clean up at 7c.
A lot of Striped and Dotted P. K.'s sold at 12c., to clean up at 9c.
A lot of Beautiful Dress Gingham sold at 8c., now 5c.
An elegant Assortment of this season's 8 and 10c. Lawns to clean up at 5c. a yard.
Fast color Fig. and Striped 40 inch wide Lawns now 5c.

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A Big lot of Ready Made Shirt Waists, this season's style, all to go at one price.
Every Waist that sold for \$1.00, and all that sold for 85c and 75c., put on same table, and you can take your choice of the whole lot at 50c. Sizes, 32 to 42 bust measure.

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COME AND SEE US ABOUT YOUR WANTS.
E. W. STEARNS, OPERA HOUSE DRY GOODS STORE.

THE LIST.

One thousand dozen TIN SEALING CANS to be sold at the old prices regardless of the advance in tin.

Several of those
Dry Air Leonard Refrigerators
AT LESS THAN COST.

Baby Carriages,
Ice Cream Freezers,
Croquet, Hammocks,

Lawn Settees at 50 cents each, Porch Chairs, Preserving Kettles, Mason's Smooth Top Fruit Jars, Granite Ironware, Carpets, Mattings, Window Shades. Ask to see our new line of Golden Oak Chamber Suits, Buffets and Chiffoniers. Try some of the genuine Fibreware, it is all right.

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Fredericksburg, Va.

GREAT MID-SUMMER REDUCTIONS.

We are making prices now that bewilder our competitors. Everybody wonder how we can do it. We are going to close out everything that has summer stamped upon it, at regardless of cost.

So listen to our song of low prices

25 pieces of 5c. Lawns reduced to 3c.
25 pieces of 8c. and 10c. Lawns reduced to 5c.
100 pieces fine Organdies, worth from 12 1/2c. to 20c., reduced to 8 1/2c.

About 300 boxes of Gent's fine Negleege Shirts to be sold at a sacrifice. Don't buy a shirt or anything else until you have gotten our low prices.

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Wood's Seeds. Vegetable Seeds FOR FALL PLANTING.

The fall planting of vegetables, to come in during the fall, winter, and early spring, is particularly desirable and profitable, alike to the private and market gardener, and trucker. Wood's New Fall Catalogue gives full information and the experience of truckers who are making thousands of dollars from their plantings of fall crops. Every gardener and trucker should have this Catalogue, which we will mail free upon request.

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A POOR BOY'S SUCCESS.

Joseph Kearney, Once a Mail Carrier, Now a Wealthy Man

Joseph P. Kearney, of New Orleans, who had been spending a month or more in the Valley of Virginia, left for his far Southern home last week. Mr. Kearney is a native of Rockingham county, and is a son of Martin Kearney, deceased, who it is said was a star route contractor on a number of mail routes in the Valley, and especially those making Harrisonburg a point. Kearney was one of the mail carriers and had, in this service, traveled the bypaths and highways of Rockingham, Pendleton, Hardy and Highland and touched on parts of Augusta and Madison. In 1850, when about 20 years old, he determined to start out for himself. With \$30 in his pocket he conceived a trip to New Orleans to try his fortunes in that city. Without friends or money, with a very limited education, but with a robust form and constitution, he landed in the Crescent City and went to work as a day laborer. Attracting attention because of his feisty to his work and the common sense shown, he was given the management of a gang of hands on a sugar plantation. Pleased with his occupation, he formed the resolution to train himself for a sugar planter. With this settled intention in his mind, he steadily pressed ahead varying his employment occasionally as emergencies required to working salt mines and rice fields until finally he anchored on a sugar plantation and is now the owner of one of the largest and most profitable in the State of Louisiana. He has been successful from a business standpoint and is one of the wealthy men of that State—the result of industry, common sense and strict integrity in all his dealings.—Staunton Spectator.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the best Catarrh Cure.
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We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 10 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.
WIGG & THAYER, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

War Would Affect the Output of Precious Metal.

In the opinion of the Director of the Mint the world's supply of gold would be seriously affected in the event of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal Republic. The degree of influence would depend, of course, on the extent and duration of hostilities. The Transvaal Republic, it is said, is at present the largest producer of gold in the world, and the indications up to the present time have been that large gains would be made during the current year in the output from that part of the world.

"The total output of the Boer Republic last year," said Mr. Roberts "was \$85,000,000, and that was a great jump from the year before. During the month of July this year the gold product of the republic amounted to over \$5,000,000, the largest amount ever taken out in one month. At this rate each month the yearly product would be close to \$100,000,000. Including the gold mined in other portions of South Africa the output would fully reach that figure."

Compared with the enormous capital of some of the English banks the largest American institutions dwindle into insignificance. The National Provincial Bank of England has \$70,000,000; Bank of England \$73,000,000; London and Westminster Bank, \$70,000,000.

Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

J. R. Gibbs, Fincastle, Va.
I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

E. L. Shaver, Fincastle, Va.

Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

Gen. Lee Favors a Republican Form of Government Under Supervision of the United States.

Some interesting facts regarding the cities and towns in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio are embodied in a report received at the War Department from Brig. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, commanding. It is made in compliance with instructions from the department, which requested from commanding officers to whom it was addressed recommendations and suggestions for reform for the betterment of the inhabitants. Gen. Lee makes the following recommendations:

First—That a census of the island be taken as soon as possible.

Second—That the question of suffrage be considered in all its aspects and a decision reached regarding the same.

Third—That a modern system of jurisprudence, as far as it can be made applicable, be generally introduced, so that elective officers belonging to it can be voted for at the general elections.

Fourth—That a general election be ordered for a president, or a chief magistrate; vice president and a congress, or legislature, to consist of two branches, and all other officers of a republic, as well as municipal elections in the various municipalities; all of which can be determined, regulated and prescribed by a convention composed of delegates in proper proportion from the different provinces, which shall meet as soon after the census is taken as possible. In this way the pledged faith of the Government of the United States can be kept.

Fifth—That the United States shall keep a strict supervision over the affairs of Cuba until a republican form of government has been adopted by the people thereof.

Sixth—That the island shall still be garrisoned by troops of the United States, in order to protect the lives and properties of citizens of the United States and those of other foreign countries residing in Cuba, preserve peace, suppress disorder and maintain the supremacy of civil law whenever and wherever necessary.

Seventh—That the future of the Cuban republic shall be vested in the people and their representatives, so far as it relates to the question of an American protectorate, or annexation to the United States.

In the matter of civil administration, Gen. Lee thinks action of some kind should be taken to secure prompt trial of men arrested and held in confinement charged with crime. Cases have been reported of American citizens held for several months without a trial of any kind, as far as they knew. The province of Havana, Gen. Lee says, is generally in a fair condition; the land is rich, level and well suited for farming, and capable of producing excellent crops when cultivated. The population has been greatly reduced, probably on an average of 50 per cent, owing to the war. Towns on the railroad have telegraphic communication, and all the towns have more or less imperfect mail services.

Sanitary conditions have improved very much in all towns. There is now comparatively little destitution. It is thought that rations and medicines for the destitute will be no longer necessary, excepting for orphanages, asylums and hospitals. He recommends that some of the more important towns be supplied with a good water system, which will add much to the sanitary conditions, besides giving work to unemployed labor. Roads connecting the more important towns should also be constructed and repaired as found advisable. It is thought that most of the municipalities will soon be self-sustaining.

The condition of the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio is daily improving, the acreage being populated is gradually being extended, and sanitary regulations everywhere more generally complied with. Occasional robberies are committed by small parties, but many of the robbers or bandits have been caught, and such depredations are becoming less frequent. The two provinces are making progress along the paths of peace and prosperity. The province of Havana is composed of rolling lands, with here and there extensive flats, the latter being more especially in the country in the southern part of the province, next to the Caribbean Sea. Running through the province of Havana, beginning at the city by that name, there are large, broad, firm turnpikes, like spokes of a wheel, with Havana city as the hub. There are no street railways, except in Havana. With very few exceptions, the old and effete Spanish laws are still in operation, and the course of modern justice is much delayed by antique and cumbersome machinery. Judicial corruption, extortion and abuses flourish in many places as of old.

The remarks made in reference to the province of Havana apply to some extent to that of Pinar del Rio, except that the soil of the latter and the products raised are different. This province has to a great degree been quiet and orderly, and has rapidly made progress in the condition of its inhabitants. It is a remarkable fact, and one which probably does not exist as to the other provinces, that there has never been but one application from this province for food.

Gen. Lee's report regarding Pinar del Rio gives in detail the extent to which the population is reduced in many of the towns, the comparison being made with what it was in 1894. In Art-

miss, it has fallen from 8,477 to about 3,000; in Mariel, from 9,198 to 1,500; in Cabañas, from 2,057 to about 1,500; in Bahia Honda, from 8,534 to about 1,400; in Guayabal, from 9,151 to about 1,200. The existence of the municipalities of Cayajabo and Santiago de Nunez as such has been practically obliterated and the population wiped out by the war.

Action of the State Republican Committee.

To the Republican County and City Chairmen and Republican Voters of Virginia.

Some weeks ago there was addressed to each member of the Republican State Committee a circular letter asking their views as to the proper policy to be pursued by our party in the present legislative campaign.

There are 28 members of the State Committee, and replies have been received from 24 of them. Twenty-two of that number agree that we should not make a nomination for the Legislature in any county or district of the State.

In obedience, therefore, to the sentiment thus expressed, and in accordance with the firm conviction of each and every member of your State Executive Committee, this day met in the city of Richmond, we concluded to advise county and city chairmen and Republican voters that no steps should be taken looking to the nomination of Republican candidates for the Legislature.

With the present election law and experience of its practical application and the working thereof, in the hands of the Democratic machine, we do not suppose any Republican voter in Virginia believes that we could be a factor in changing the existing election laws.

Under the blighting auspices of the present regime, the great name of our time-honored Commonwealth has been brought into disrepute and the disgrace that mingles the cheek of every honest Virginian as the result of our so-called elections, is to be laid at the door and charged to the methods of the party in power.

For years our elections in this State under the pretended forms of law have been miserable farces, and the honest voters of Virginia who are opposed to unfair elections and dishonest methods, have been powerless to give expression to their will. The dice have been loaded against them; they are simply bound hand and foot, and if relief is to be expected, it must come through honest Democrats who may revolt against the infamy of the present system.

It is hoped that dissatisfaction with the present law is more widespread within the Democratic ranks and among members of that party than is known to Republicans.

The Republicans have long suffered by the practical application of this infamous law and are convinced that the future welfare and material interests of the State demand the restoration of that old time freedom of the ballot, when it expressed the will of the legal voter, and it is believed to be good policy on the part of the Republicans not to make nominations or run candidates anywhere, but to unite as one man in throwing their strength to such candidates as will pledge themselves to work and vote for a fair, honest and non-partisan election law.

It is conceded that the making of nominations for the General Assembly is to be finally decided by the several District and County Committees for themselves, and this letter is to be regarded only as a recommendation, or suggestion. Very respectfully,
Park Agnew, Chairman.
(Signed) Jas. D. Brady,
Stith Bolling,
S. Brown Allen,
J. L. Gleaves,
Executive Committee.

Maine Woman Bosses a Shingle Mill.

The Boston Advertiser says: Miss Clara Stinson is a young woman of Maine who has shown that a young woman can run a shingle mill with profit and satisfaction to her employees. She is a lecturer and reformer, cultured and traveled, but able to put into her work real business effort and ability. Miss Stinson's father was the owner of a shingle mill and when he died ten years ago the daughter determined to keep on with the mill. She has succeeded beyond her expectations, and now has customers all over the country. Her mill is at Mawdsley, in the heart of the lumber district. The machinery that went into the building Miss Stinson herself bargained for, making better arrangements, it is said, than any man had done in that country before. She is successful at the markets in Boston and New York, and visits them regularly, and she says that contractors and laborers are always equally courteous to her.

A Soap Factory at Acapulco, Mexico.

Has an output of 100,000 pounds a month, and finds it difficult to supply the demand. Toilet soap is in large quantities imported from France, and retails at \$2 a pound. Laundry soap sells for 16 cents a pound at retail, and \$30 a cargo of 300 pounds.

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Key West and New Orleans Fever Stricken.

Communication with Key West by the rest of the world has been cut off by the orders of Dr. J. Y. Porter, executive officer of the Florida State board of health, on account of two deaths and several cases which have been diagnosed as yellow fever. The order was issued late Thursday evening by Dr. Porter, on the report of the existence of the disease in Key West from Dr. Charles B. Sweeting, agent of the board at Key West, and sanitary inspector of the port. No one will be allowed to leave the island until Dr. Porter arrives there.

The dead are Dennis Eagan, Jr., deputy collector of customs at Key West, who was taken sick early last week, and a boy named Congrove. Both were buried Friday morning. Five cases additional have been diagnosed as yellow fever and seven suspicious cases are under surveillance.

The board officials have established a launch quarantine patrol at Miami, and have appointed additional inspectors to guard against possible infection from Key West. At Tampa the quarantine have appeared at Key West, and asked for instructions, as all vessels coming in are compelled to stop at this station. These two points are the only ones through which communication can be had with Key West, and they will be thoroughly guarded, so that the possibility of infection from the beleaguered city is thus reduced to the minimum.

The news of the fever in Key West was received in Jacksonville with no alarm. The only communication, excepting by telegraph, is over 150 miles of water, and the rigid quarantine that has already been established is sufficient protection.

Gen. Frank, commanding the Department of the Gulf, has telegraphed the War Department that four cases of yellow fever have appeared at Key West, and asked for instructions.

In reply, Gen. Miles has sent telegraphic instructions directing the removal of the garrison at Key West to Fort McPherson, Atlanta, on account of the ample quarters at that post. The Key West garrison is composed of Batteries B and N, First Artillery. Owing to the reports of yellow fever at Key West the Navy force at the naval station there, leaving only one or two caretakers, who are immune. The station is small, and two tugs constitute the craft there.

Late Lieut. Lyon, acting commander of the Department of the Gulf received telegrams from the Plant Line and East Coast Company, saying that these steamship companies would not accept the two batteries of artillerymen as passengers from Key West, owing to the action of the State board of health. Lieut. Lyon immediately advised the War Department at Washington and suggested that the men from Key West be sent to some Northern port on the transport.

Yellow fever has made its appearance in New Orleans, and notice of quarantine has already been served by the city of Mobile and State of Texas. The first case reported is that of a young man, who had been ill for some time with blood poisoning, and the fever was so complicated with the other disease that the experts from Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana were unable to agree on a diagnosis. Death followed, however, and an autopsy revealed the presence of yellow fever.

One other case has been under suspicion, but it is believed that the lateness of the season will prevent further spread. It is true that in 1897 the first cases in New Orleans were nearly as late as the present one, but then several hundred persons from the highly infected city of Ocean Springs came into the city in a single day, and spread the infection into all parts of the city.

Owing to the reported death from yellow fever in New Orleans and two other cases declared there, Mobile County, Ala., authorities proclaimed a quarantine against all persons, baggage, and freight from New Orleans entering Mobile County.

On receipt of the news of yellow fever at New Orleans, the authorities of Montgomery, Ala., instituted strict quarantine against that city.

An Exact Definition.

C. S. Batterman, one of the best-known mining men in the Rocky Mountain States, was on the stand as expert in an important mining case in Nevada, and was under cross-examination by a rather young and "smart" attorney, says the San Francisco Argonaut. The question related to the form that the ore was found in, generally described as "kidney lumps."

"Now, Mr. Batterman," said the attorney, "how large are these lumps—you say they are oblong—are they as long as my head?" "Yes," replied Mr. Batterman, "but not as thick." The attorney subdivided and even the Judge could not help smiling.

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